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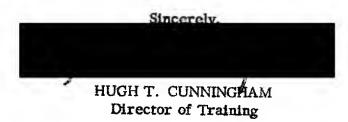
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The Honorable Howard E. Sollenberger Director, Foreign Service Institute Department of State Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Howard:

I am submitting a negative reply to the inquiry of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations concerning foreign affairs or foreign area training programs this Agency conducts.

We do not conduct courses comparable to the area studies and advanced area training you have at the Foreign Service Institute's Center for Area and Country Studies. The main focus in our training programs is necessarily on operational and analytical techniques which are central to the intelligence function. Area training and foreign affairs are treated in our courses only in their relation to the handling of intelligence problems, but in a way which would make any effort to separate the costs of this aspect of training from all others a rather meaningless exercise. For more extensive treatment of these subjects on their own terms we rely heavily on the programs of the Foreign Service Institute. STATINTL



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